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Allegheny County Awarded \$15.5 Million in Efforts to Reduce Homelessness

PITTSBURGH – Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald announced today that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a \$15.5 million Continuum of Care grant to Allegheny County. The funding, to be utilized by the Department of Human Services, is intended to assist in its efforts to reduce homelessness.

“The county, and our partners in the non-profit, healthcare and service industries, has been focused on addressing homeless issues within our region for over a decade now,” said Fitzgerald. “Our efforts as a group have made significant changes in how we approach homelessness and in the way services are provided to those who are experiencing homelessness, or who are in danger of becoming homeless. The HUD funding recognizes the impact that we have made because we worked together and will allow us to build on the successes that we have made thus far.”

The projects funded by the grant are planned and implemented by 25 different agencies which provide housing and vital services to homeless individuals and families throughout Allegheny County. The Department of Human Services (DHS) will administer the grant funds to the agencies, provide fiscal and operational support, and monitor service provision through regular site visits.

“This funding will not only allow us to continue all of our existing projects, but just as importantly, expand our assistance for even more individuals and families experiencing homelessness,” said Human Services Director Marc Cherna. “While this grant it is recognition of the county’s commitment to tackling homelessness, it is also an acknowledgement of the great efforts of our agencies and individuals who carry out the work.”

The grant is awarded through a competitive process and includes the renewal of HUD funds to support a continuum of housing and service programs for the homeless of Allegheny County. Services provided through the various programs include supportive services, safe havens, transitional housing, and permanent housing for persons with disabilities.

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